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SUBJECT: SITREP NUMBER ONE: TERRORIST ATTACKS IN CONUS

¶1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TO PROVIDE POSTS WITH THE LATEST INFORMATION ON A RASH OF TERRORIST ATTACKS THAT OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 IN NEW YORK CITY AND WASHINGTON, D.C. BE ADVISED THAT THIS INFORMATION IS DRAWN FROM OPEN SOURCES AS THE SITUATION IS DEVELOPING. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS KNOWN AT THIS TIME. CURRENTLY WE ARE NOT AWARE OF A CREDIBLE CLAIM OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE ATTACKS.

¶2. AT APPROXIMATELY 0900 TWO SEPARATE AIRCRAFT DELIBERATELY CRASHED INTO THE TOWERS OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER (WTC) CAUSING BOTH TOWERS TO COLLAPSE. THERE IS AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CASUALTIES. WITHIN ONE HOUR OF THE WTC BOMBINGS AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED AT THE PENTAGON ALSO CAUSING AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.

¶3. ELEMENTS OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE PERSONNEL ARE CURRENTLY EVACUATING DEPARTMENT OFFICES, HOWEVER, EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WILL REMAIN. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ESTABLISHED AN ALTERNATE OPERATIONS CENTER AT NFATC IN ARLINGTON. CONTACT NUMBERS ARE THE SAME; 202-647-1512. AT THIS TIME A TASK FORCE IS BEING ESTABLISHED.

¶4. POSTS SHOULD CONVENE EAC MEETINGS IMMEDIATELY TO REVIEW ALL SECURITY MEASURES AND ENLIST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICE SECURITY SUPPORT. WHILE THERE IS NO INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE INDICATING THAT U.S. FACILITIES OVERSEAS WILL BE TARGETED, POSTS SHOULD REMAIN AT THE HIGHEST STATE OF ALERT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

¶5. POSTS WILL APPRISED OF DEVELOPING INFORMATION AS IT OCCURS.

¶6. BELGRADE, DUSHANBE, FREETOWN, PRISTINA, AND NDJAMENA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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